



***State of Washington
Department of Transportation
Legal Notice of Intent to Sole Source***

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) announces its intention to establish a sole source contract with Groth Services Company, L.L.C.

In an effort to prevent interruptions to revenue sailings that may result from the failure of the Gyrocompass System, WSF has proposed the installation of a Satellite Compass system. This system would be used as an alternate Transmitting Heading Device (THD) when the gyrocompass system is not functioning properly. Currently, a failure in the Gyrocompass system can result in an USCG denial prohibiting the vessel to continue operations. The Satellite compass is new technology that could allow the vessel to continue operating in the event of a failure of the Gyrocompass system. Because the Satellite Compass is relatively new the USCG is requiring demonstration and reports documenting the device's accuracy and operation for installation on vessels over 500 Gross Tons.

A Satellite Compass has been installed on one of WSF's passenger only vessels for 2 years and has operated near faultlessly. These units have no moving parts and require little to no maintenance. It is WSF's intention to install the Satellite Compass system fleetwide, upon USCG approval, to eliminate any possibility of service interruption related to a Gyrocompass failure. A long-term goal is to phase out the Gyrocompass system and the high yearly costs of maintaining them fleetwide. This can only be accomplished by initially conducting the USCG testing, and then upon approval the long-term demonstration of operational efficiency.

It is with USCG approval and encouragement that this test is being conducted.

The Gyrocompass system installation that is currently in place on the WSF vessels was designed by the consultant to be employed for the testing. This consultant is the only consultant in North America that has been granted Anschuetz factory approval to provide training on the Gyrocompass systems installed on our vessels. The consultant is recognized as the American expert on the Anschuetz Gyrocompass, has complete understanding of our system and is, as we see it, the only firm qualified to conduct the test to the USCG satisfaction. Their knowledge of our system and the Gyrocompass eliminates a learning curve and much of the requisite preparatory study necessary to conduct the tests. Their knowledge also includes testing and studies on Gyrocompass systems on other applications. The approximate dollar value of to agreement will be \$50,000.00. The duration of the contract will be approximately 6 months to a year.

Challengers are required to submit, on or before Tuesday, November 12, 2002, a brief statement of their Intent to Challenge, and must address the following criteria as it relates to the project:

- 1 Qualifications/Expertise of Firms on Team;
- 2 Qualifications of Proposed Project Manager;
- 3 Key Team Members Qualifications (Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants);



- 4 Firm's Project Management System (Prime Consultant Only);
- 5 References/past performances (Prime Consultant Only); and
- 6 Cost factors (Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants.)

The submittal is limited to a total maximum number of ten (10) sheets submitted only on single sided (single sided meaning one side only of a single sheet of paper) typed 8.5" x 11" paper (If charts and/or graphs are utilized text must be readable size font), and with type size no smaller than 12 point. The page limitation does not apply to the transmittal letter, front and back cover, the completed Performance Evaluation forms, and the completed Submittal Information Packet form(s.) Please provide only 1 copy of the completed Performance Evaluation forms and the completed Submittal Information Packet form(s.) These forms should be accompanied with your Letter of Transmittal and should be submitted under separate cover and not bound within your Statement of Interest.

The Notice of Intent to Challenge shall meet the following requirements or will be deemed non-responsive and will not be eligible for consideration of this work:

- 1 Title of the Notice of Intent to Sole Source on the cover of the submittal and the Transmittal Letter;
- 2 Transmittal Letter;
- 3 Completed Submittal Information Packet form for the Prime Consultant and all proposed Sub-Consultants (1 set);
- 4 Completed Performance Evaluations for the Prime Consultant Only;
- 5 Responsiveness to all challenge criteria;
- 6 Meeting page limitations and font size requirements; and
- 7 Meeting submittal deadline submission date.

If this award is challenged, WSDOT will select the best-qualified firm based on the criteria for challenge listed above.

Send your Intent to Challenge by mail or courier to: Mr. Michael B. Rice, Director, Consultant Services Office, Washington State Department of Transportation, PO Box 47323, Olympia, WA 98504-7323, no later than 5:00 PM, Tuesday, November 12, 2002. No submittals will be accepted after that date and time. Couriers should be directed to the WSDOT Consultant Services Office, Capital View II Building, 2nd floor, 724 Quince Street SE, Olympia, WA 98504-7323.

Any questions regarding this notice, deadlines, or submittals should be directed to WSDOT Consultant Services Office at 360-705-7104.

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